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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 9 March 1981

Admiral Inman was in the chair.

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McMahon noted he had passed Admiral Inman a cable from the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua. Admiral Inman asked the DDO to prepare a response for his signature.

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Lehman noted that for the next week or so the situation in Poland will be critical. In response to Admiral Inman's question about an Alert Memorandum, Lehman said one would be issued as soon as there were indications of Soviet mobilization.

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Briggs reported that the Intelligence Oversight Board is still functioning and that Mr. Dick of the Board had requested a briefing on CI. Admiral Inman said he would be meeting with the IOB on 19 March and that anyone who had something they wanted raised at the meeting should let him know. (Action: IG, GC, and DDO)

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Hugel said the Director's decision regarding the 16-week operational training course had not been carried out. Admiral Inman explained the Director is concerned about the length of some of the training programs and wonders if we can afford to have people be away from their offices for long periods. Admiral Inman said he intends to have the EXCOM take up this issue either this week or next. (Action: EXCOM Staff) []

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Admiral Inman reported that the Director had made a decision on APEX and agreed to the option which ends APEX and asks the NSC to cancel PD-55 while sustaining its language. Admiral Inman said he has asked for a memorandum conveying this decision to the NSC by cob 10 March. (Action: SA/DCI/C) []

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Admiral Inman noted a new directive on the Community committees was signed by the Director on 5 March and will be circulated. The new structure establishes the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB) and two councils, a R&D and National Foreign Intelligence Council (NFIC). NFIB will be composed of the membership as it was in 1974-1975; the NFIC will consist of the NFIB plus those former members which had been on the NFIB since 1975. The NFIC will consider requirements and priorities and advise on the budget. The new structure means all committees will provide support to the Director and advise and assist the NFIB. []

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Admiral Inman said he will schedule the first NFIB for either 12 or 17 March and that NFIB meeting will be scheduled every other week, with the meeting canceled if no agenda items warrant. []

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Admiral Inman will meet with the new Members of HPSCI and agreed to Hitz' request to accompany him. [] said he would have a book available for the Admiral's use. []

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